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EDWARD ZIMMERN

British

care of Mr. Leung, Room 427, Oriental Hotel.

Recd

On the 14th inst. the Chinese Police forcibly broke into my home No. 653 North Szechuen Road without a warrant from the British Consulate and searched my place. When I protested against the search I was assaulted by the Police who were in plain clothes. When I asked the Police what right they had in coming into my home and why they were searching my home, one of them took out of his pocket a letter written in Chinese which I did not understand and which stated their instructions. The same evening I learnt that the reason of their search was that I was sheltering Communist officials at my home, permitting them to have meetings in regard to Communistic affairs, also of opening an opium joint and gambling at my home. How I learnt this was from a junior officer attached to the 5th Division Sub-section (1) of the Chinese Police Station, North Szechuen Road.

On Friday morning the 15th inst. a Chinese lawyer, Mr. Kiang, went together with me to see the head of the Police in charge of the 5th Division Sub-section (1) informing him that my house was forcibly entered by the Police in his charge. The Officer apologized to me and said he knew nothing about it until afterwards otherwise he would have prevented the Police in searching my home. He gave me the assurance that such would not occur again and that a Policeman would be posted round my home so that I would not be molested in the near future and promised/

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promised to go into the finding out of the person who wrote that letter on account of it being an anonymous letter.

On Saturday the 16th inst. three persons broke into my home. They were arrested by the Chinese Police after I went to the Station for assistance. They were released on account of me not preferring a charge against them due to the advice of this Chinese lawyer who stated that they being ruffians, my life may be in danger afterwards. As it is now I have left my home No.653 North Szechuen Road and my furniture and fittings are still there, but I have been told that a permit must be obtained from the Chinese Police before I can move my things away.

I now beg the British Consul to act on this matter immediately to find out who the person was who accused me of sheltering Communist officials, as it is a very serious affair according to International Law. Sheltering communist officials means I am a communist myself and of a very low character.

Edward H. Friedman

a letter which was produced
to the police when shown to
me bore an assumed
Chinese name of myself
known as Tsai Pak Sing
(蔡 星) + in which I
carried on business at
premises at 653/5-
Szechuen Rd 1st Flr.

It is occupied by my (lady)
friend also a Patriot.
The Protectorate are in conjunction
paying the monthly
expenses together of
the residence

in police station.
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Mr Blackham

Reference attached statement, brought
round by Zimmer this morning.

So far as I can make out he seems
to be living with a Chinese woman married to
a B.S. named Skewes, formerly in the
Customs, but now in England, and has
got involved with some of her Chinese
friends.

I think we should confine ourselves
to asking the police not to enter his
house & to give him protection from
interference. Aug 21/12.

I agree. Please draft

Abb

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To Director of

Public Safety

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Ministry of Public Safety,
Kwai.

(see only)

27 December, 1933.

Sir,

I have received a report from Mr. Edward Zimmern, a British subject, to the effect that on the 14th December some Chinese police forcibly entered his house at No. 653 North Szechuen Road and conducted a search. When he protested against the search, he was assaulted by the police, who were in plain clothes.

I h.h. to observe that Chinese police desiring to ~~xxx~~ enter and search ~~the~~ house occupied by a British subject may only do so on production of a warrant issued by H.M. Supreme Court, which they did not possess in this case. I have ~~accordingly~~ ^{accord-}ingly the honour to request that you will cause to be issued instructions to the police concerned ~~xx~~ that they must not enter Mr. Zimmern's house in future, and also to afford him due protection.

I have, etc.,

C.G.

Edward Thomas Spence Zimmern
is a registered B.S. R. 27/11/33

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Station

Letter from Bureau of Public Safety, No.2, of 4.I.34.

Recd 5/1/34

Translated 6/1/34

Sir,

I h.h. to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo on the subject of Mr. Edward Zimmern (quotes in full).

I h.h. to inform you in reply that instructions have accordingly been issued to the district police station concerned and the various subordinates of this Bureau have also been notified.

I have, etc.,

(sd) Wen Hung-en,
Commissioner.

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HIS Majesty's *Sub. Legation* at *Nanking*
presents his compliments to *H. M. Consul General, Shanghai*
and has the honour to transmit to him the under-mentioned documents.

British *Sub. Legation*
Nanking

27 DEC 1935

23rd Dec., 1935.

Reference to previous correspondence:

Description of Enclosure.

Name and Date.	Subject.
<i>Telegram to Peking</i> <i>No. 393 of 22nd Dec. 1935</i>	<i>R. & L. insurance case</i> <i>at Kweichow.</i>

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